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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AD HOC GROUP MEETING OF APRIL 5, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP APPROVED TALKING POINTS FOR APRIL 8 INFORMAL SESSION WITHEAST. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON MINOR ANOMALIES IN DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES. GROUP AGREED THAT SOVIET MILITARY EXPERT COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM APRIL 8 MEETING, BUT THAT NO ALLIED EXPERT SHOULD ATTEND AND THAT SOVIETS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT ATTENDANCE OF THEIR EXPERT WAS TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN EXCEPTION.

2. FRG DEP REP (HOFMANN) REPORTED ON A BILATERAL WITH BULGARIAN REP (DICHEV) IN WHICH THE LATTER HAD SPOKEN OF GROWING INTEREST

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IN A BALKAN MBFR, WHICH WOULD NOT INCLUDE HUNGARY. LUXEMBOURG

REP (WINTER) REPORTED THAT GDR REP (OESER) HAD TOLD HIM THAT EXCLUSION OF LUXEMBOURG FROM DEMANDS THAT ALL WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS REDUCE FROM THE OUTSET WAS INTENTIONAL.

3. GROUP EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ON THE EAST-WEST FORCE BALANCE, AND WERE ONLY SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BY DISTRIBUTED LANGUAGE FROM POSTURE STATEMENT CITING DISPARITIES.

4. GROUP REVIEWED APRIL 4 PLENARY STATEMENTS BY BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN REPS. NOTING CRITICISM OF ALLIED FORCE BUILDUP IN BULGARIAN STATEMENT, UK REP (ROSE) SAID THAT ALLIES SHOULD, DESPITE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, CONSIDER REFERRING AGIAN TO PACT BUILDUP IN RECENT YEARS IF THE EAST PERSISTS. GROUP ALSO REVIEWED DRAFT STATEMENT FOR NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 10. AT INSISTANCE OF UK REP, REFERENCES TO COMMON GROUND AND TO WILLINGNESS OF NON-US WESTERN PARTICIPANTS TO REDUCE IN THE SECOND PHASE WERE MUTED, AND A REFERENCE TO THE TIMING OF PHASE II DELETED. END SUMMARY.

5. CHAIRMAN (BELGIAN ACTING REP WILLOT) NOTED THAT US DEL HAD DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF ITS REPORT OF APRIL 4 CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REP (SEPTEL). FRG DEP REP REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH BULGARIAN REP IN WHICH FRG DEP REP NOTED THAT EASTERN SIDE HAD REFERRED TO END OF CURRENT SESSION AS END OF A NEW TERM. DICHEV HAD REPLIED THAT EASTERN SIDE HAD DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WHICH WORD TO USE AND OPTED AGAINST "PHASE" SINCE THEY WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE WTILL IN FIRST PHASE. FRG DEP REP ALSO REPORTED THAT BULGARIAN REP HAD NOTED A GROWING INETEREST IN BULGARIA FOR A "REGIONAL MBFR"AS MENTIONED BY ROMANIANS, TO INCLUDE BULGARIA, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE, AND TURKEY, BUT NOT HUNGARY.

6. LUXEMBOURG REP REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH GDR REP, WHO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN OPTIMISTIC AT FIRST OVER THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT WAS NOW SKEPTICAL. GDR REP WAS PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED OVER WESTERN REJECTION OF EASTERN PROPOSAL FOR SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE CONCEPT OF AN OVERALL CEILING INCLUDED IN IT. GDR REP ALSO MENTIONED QUESTION OF FLAK SECURITY, SAYING THAT FEAR OF CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT WITHDRAWN SOVIET

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FORCES MIGHT BE REDEPLOYED ALONG THE TURKISH BORDER WAS RIDICULOUS, SINCE SUCH REDEPLOYMENT COULD EASILY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USING TROOPS OTHER THAN THOSE WITHDRAWN FROM THE REDUCTION AREA. GDR REP ASKED LUXEMBOURG REP IF HE HAD NOTED THAT EASTERN SIDE HAD NOT MENTIONED ANY REDUCTIONS OF LUXEMBOURG FORCES. LUXEMBOURG REP REPLIED THAT HE WAS QUITE USED TO INADVERTENT OMISSIONS OF HIS COUNTRY. GDR REP STATED THAT OMISSION WAS INTENTIONAL -- THE EAST WAS QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE

SIZE OF THE LUXEMBOURG FORCES. US ACTING REP ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN PREVIOUSLY STATED EASTERN PRINCIPLES THAT EAST WOULD OMIT ONE DIRECT PARTICIPANT.

7. US ACTING REP NOTED CONTRADICTION IN PARA 3 OF STATEMENT OF HUNGARIAN REP (VIENNA 3026) IN WHICH HE SPOKE OF SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS BEING "POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE" AND HUNGARIAN REP'S LATER CLAIM THAT ALLIED

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ARGUMENTS POINTING TO INSTABILITY WERE UNFOUNDED. US ACTING REP NOTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE USED AGAINST EAST IN SOME FUTUE DISCUSSION. HUNGARIAN DEP REP HAD ALSO MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE THE IDEA OF A RENUNCIATION OF FORCE. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HUNGARIAN REP'S MENTION OF THIS THEME FORESHADOWED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF IT, BUT ALLIES WOULD HAVE TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY.

HUNGARIAN REP HAD ALSO USED SOVIET WORDING IN REFERRING TO PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN "THE PROCESS OF REDUCTION" WHICH SEEMS TO IMPLY A DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMITMENT AND ACTUAL REDUCTIONS. SINCE HUNGARIAN REP HAD MENTIONED SYMBOLIC REDUCTION IN PLENARY, AT THE END OF HIS STATEMENT, ALLIES COULD ADDRESS THE SUBJECT IN PLENARY WITHOUT GOING TOO MUCH INTO DETAILS OF INFORMAL SESSIONS.

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8. FRG DEP REP NOTED THAT BOTH HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN STATEMENTS ON 4 APRIL HAD HINTED AT FREEZE OF NUCLEAR AND AIR FORCES. UK REP NOTED THAT BULGARIAN REP HAD HAMMERED AWAY AT WESTERN FORCE BUILDUP. THE AD HOC GROUP HAD AGREED TO REFER TO THE WARSAW PACT BUILDUP ONLY ON A ONE-TIME BASIS, NOTED THE UK REP, BUT IF THE EAST PERSISTED IN ITS ADDRESSING WESTERN FORCE BUILDUP, GROUP SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS FORBEARANCE.

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9. CHAIRMAN ASKED WHICH REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD GIVE THE FINAL PRE-RECESS STATEMENT FOR THE ALLIED SIDE. GROUP ACCEPTED SUGGESTION OF UK REP THAT IT BE THE US REP.

10. FRG DEP REP ANNOUNCED THAT FRG DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM GERMAN PRESS AGENCY CONCERNING REMARKS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS OF SENATOR SYMINGTON AT A SENATE HEARING. SECRETARY IS QUOTED TO HAVE SAID THAT NEW ANALYSIS OF SIZE AND COMBAT CAPABILITY OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES PERMITS THE CONCLUSION THAT THE WARSAW PACT FORCES DO NOT COMPRISE THE COMBAT MIGHT THAT ALLIES HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED, THAT ALLIES HAVE BETTER IDEA OF FORCES FACING THEM, AND THAT THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION DO NOT APPEAR SO STRONG COMPARATIVELY. REPORT REFERENCED A NEAR "EQUILIBRIUM OF FORCES." FRG DEP REP SAID HE WAS NOT SURE IF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WAS QUOTED CORRECTLY, BUT HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE EASTERN SIDE MIGHT PICK THIS STATEMENT UP AND USE IT AGAINST ALLIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

11. US ACTING REP REPLIED THAT STATEMENT WAS PROBABLY MADE IN CONTEXT OF SECRETARY'S VIEWS THAT THE MILITARY TASK FACING NATO WAS NOT INSURMOUNTABLE, AND THAT THEREFORE FURTHER INVESTMENT IN FORCE IMPROVEMENTS THE SECRETARY HAD ADVOCATED WERE NOT A WASTE OF MONEY. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO EXCERPTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S POSTURE STATEMENT CIRCULATED TO GROUP APRIL 4. ALLIED PARTICIPANTS WOULD BRING IT TO APRIL 8 INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE EAST AND CITE IT IF THE EAST QUOTED REMARKS MENTIONED BY FRG DEP REP.

12. UK REP OBSERVED THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT

CONTAINED ONE POINT ON MBFR WHICH COULD BE USED BY THE ALLIES

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AND ANOTHER WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST THEM. BELGIAN ACTING REP SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SECRETARY'S REMARKD THAT ALLIES WERE IN A POSITION TO COUNTER EASTERN GROUND FORCE SUPERIORITY WITH SUPERIOR AVIATION. US ACTING REP COUNTERED THAT THIS WOULD NOT PREVENT ALLIES FROM ASSERTING THAT THE GROUND FORCE DISPARITY WAS DESTABILIZING. BELGIAN DEP REP PERSISTED IN HIS ARGUMENT AND US ACTING REP REPLIED BY POINTING OUT THAT RUSSIANS WOULD PROBABLY NOT USE THIS ARGUMENT BECAUSE THEY CANNOT ADMIT THAT THEIR AIRCRAFT ARE INFERIOR.

DISCUSSION OF TALKING POINTS FOR 8 APRIL INFORMAL SESSION
(TEXT OF POINTS SEPTEL)

13. SACEUR REP (COL. GRIFFIN) NOTED THAT SOVIET REP, WHEN REFERRING TO ALLIED FORCES, USES DELIBERATE IMPRECISION WHEN REFERRING TO ALLIED FORCES. ALLIES WOULD DO WELL, HE SAID, TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE SO THAT THE TALKING POINTS WOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ALLIES HAD EXACT FIGURES.

14. IN A PROLONGED DISCUSSION OF TEXT, GROUP AMENDED TALKING POINTS TO EXPRESS LESS SPECIFICITY ON DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN ARMY AND AIR FORCE UNITS AND TO USE TERM "NATO" THROUGHOUT IN PLACE OF "ALLIES" SINCE INTERCHANGEABLE USE OF TERMS MIGHT LEAD EAST TO SUSPECT THAT INCLUSION OF FRENCH FORCES IS BEING BLURRED. GROUP ADDED SEVERAL TALKING POINTS DRAFTED BY UK DELEGATION DESIGNED TO INDUCE EASTERN SIDE TO PRODUCE FIGURES AFTER THE RECESS. DISCUSSION REVEALED SENSITIVITY, PARTICULARLY OF FRG AND NETHERLANDS REPS, TO CERTAIN FORCE ANOMALIES IN THEIR SERVICES. IT WAS AGREED THAT NUMBERS INVOLVED WERE TRIVIAL IN THE AGGREGATE AND COVERED BY A FORMULATION SAYING THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN MINOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE ALLIED DEFINITION. PARAGRAPH 8 WAS REVISED IN ACCORDANCE THE ALLIED DEFINITION.

15. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT US, UK, AND CANADIAN REPS REPRESENT ALLIES AT 8 APRIL INFORMLA MEETING. GROUP AGREED.

DISCUSSION OF PROPRIETY OF PRESENCE OF EXPERTS

16. UK REP THEN RAISED QUESTION OF US AGREEMENT IN BILATERAL OF 4. APRIL TO PERMIT SOVIET COLONEL KAPITONOV TO BE PRESENT AT INFORMAL SESSION ON 8 APRIL WITH SOVIET REP AS EXPERT.

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IT WAS NATURAL THAT THE US REP HAD AGREED TO SOVIET REP'S REQUEST
AND HE DID NOT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ALLIES BACK OFF FROM IT,
BUT HE FORESAW TWO DISTINCT PROBLEMS: A) NONE OF THE HEADS
OF DELEGATION PRESENT WERE MILITARY EXPERTS, AND HE, THE UK REP,
DID NOT WISH TO BE IN A POSITION OF HAVING TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS

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ON UK MILITARY FORCES PUT TO HIM BY AN EXPERT, B) THE INFORMAL
MEETINGS HAD PROVED HIGHLY VALUABLE IN PERMITTING A DEGREE
OF FRANKNESS AND FREEDOM IN DISCUSSION, WITHIN THE TERMS OF
THE MANDATE. THE PRESENCE OF A MILITARY EXPERT ON THE EASTERN
SIDE WHO WAS UNACCUSTOMED TO THE PRACTICES OF THE SESSIONS
MIGHT INHIBIT THE FREEDOM OF EXCHANGE PREVIOUSLY DISPLAYED.
MOREOVER SUCH AN EXPERT MIGHT SEND QUITE A DIFFERENT REPORT TO
HIS OWN SUPERIORS THAN THAT SUBMITTED BY THE CIVIAN
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES. UK REP CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT ALLIES

SHOULD TRY TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF EXPERTS BEING IN ATTENDANCE
AT INFORMAL MEETINGS OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS.

17. US ACTING REP REPLIED THAT HE AGREED THAT THERE HAD
BEEN CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE OF DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON EASTERN
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SIDE BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND MILITARY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESENCE OF AN EXPERT ON THE OTHER SIDE
SHOULD PROBABLY BE PERMITTED ON THIS OCCASION, HOWEVER, DUE
TO THE NATURE OF THE SUBJECT. ALLIES COULD LET SOVIET REP
KNOW OF THEIR FEELINGS THAT SUCH EXPERTS BE USED SPARINGLY IN
THE FUTURE.

18. ITALIAN REP (CAGIATI) AGREED, THOUGH HE DID NOT THINK THAT
ALLIES SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE PRACTICE BY BRINGING AN EXPERT
OF THEIR OWN. IT WOULD BE IN ORDER TO PERMIT SOVIET REP TO
COVER HIS INSUFFICIENCY WITH AN EXPERT AND THERE WOULD BE
SOME ADVANTAGE FOR THE ALLIES IN THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO
AVOID QUESTIONS SAYING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO REFER THEM TO
THEIR EXPERTS NOT PRESENT.

19. UK REP SAID THAT MUCH AS HE WOULD LIKE UK SECDEF REP
(CLARKE) PRESENT, HE THOUGHT THAT ON THE WHOLE IT WOULD BE
BETTER FOR THE ALLIES NOT TO BRING AN EXPERT. US ACTING
REP AGREED, SAYING THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO KEEP KAPITONOV'S
PRESENCE ON A UNIQUE BASIS. ALLIES COULD REFER SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS TO A LATER WORKING GROUP AND SO AVOID MAKING
KAPITONOV OR OTHER EASTERN MILITARY EXPERTS A PERMANENT FIXTURE
OF INFORMAL SESSIONS.

20. CHAIRMAN SUMMED UP GROUP CONSENSUS THAT ALLIES SHOULD
REFRAIN FROM BRINGING AN EXPERT, AND SHOULD CONVEY TO EAST THAT
KAPITONOV'S PRESENCE AT 8 APRIL MEETING SHOULD NOT SET A PRECEDENT
FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. CHAIRMAN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IF SOVIETS
BRING UP SUBJECT OF SEPARATE EXPERT WORKING GROUP AT 8 APRIL
SESSION, WESTERN REPS SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE SUGGESTION
AND PROMISE TO REPLY LATER.

DISCUSSION OF APRIL 10 PRESS CONFERENCE

21. GROUP MADE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT
(SEPTEL) AND PROPOSED REPLIES TO ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS. DISCUSSION
CENTERED ON THREE SUBSTANTIVE AREAS: 1) HOW SPECIFIC SHOULD THE
PRESS STATEMENT BE IN DESCRIBING THE WILLINGNESS OF NON-US
WESTERN PARTICIPANTS TO REDUCE IN A SECOND PHASE? 2) COULD
THE ALLIES GO AS FAR IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO A
FIXED PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES AS THEY HAD WITH THE EAST
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PREVIOUSLY? 3) TO WHAT EXTENT SHOULD THE ALLIES INDICATE TO THE PRESS THAT COMMON GROUND WAS DEVELOPING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS? AGAINST STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS OF NETHERLANDS REP, WHO CITED NEED TO REDUCE PRESSURE ON PARLIAMENTS FOR SHORTER TERMS OF SERVICE, ETC., GROUP ACCEPTED UK OBJECTION AND DECIDED TO MUTE INDICATIONS OF WEST EUROPEAN WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE IN SECOND PHASE. UK REP REMINDED GROUP THAT OFFER OF FIXED PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN PHASES WAS APPROVED BY NAC ONLY AS QUID PRO QUO FOR EASTERN CONCESSION THAT HAD NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING, AND DURATION OF PERIOD WAS STILL UNDER STUDY. REFERENCE TO FIXED PERIOD SHOULD THEREFORE BE DELETED FROM PRESS STATEMENT. GROUP AGREED. UK REP ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING IDEA OF COMMON GROUND WITH THE PRESS. THERE REALLY WAS NOT MUCH COMMON GROUND AND ALLIES SPEAKING OF IT MIGHT LEAD TO EXAGGERATED EXPECTATIONS OR EASTERN REBUTTALS OF WESTERN DEFINITIONS OF COMMON AREAS. REFERENCE TO COMMON GROUND SHOULD THEREFORE BE DELETED.

22. US ACTING REP REPLIED TO LATTER POINT BY NOTING ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE AFTER APRIL 9 PRESS CONFERENCE OF POLISH REP (STRULAK), AND IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COUNTER THE IMPRESSION OF STALEMATE WHICH WESTERN PRESS WAS LIKELY TO DRAW FROM CONFLICTING PRESS CONFERENCES AS OCCURRED AT OUTSET OF PRESENT SESSION. ALLIES PRESS STATEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE REEXAMINED IN LIGHT OF STRULAK'S REMARKS IN ANY CASE. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD DEFINE ANY COMMON AND PROMISING POINTS, HOWEVER MEAGER. ITALIAN DEP REP OBSERVED THAT VAGUELY OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT WERE NORMAL FEATURE OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY AND WORDING AS IT STOOD WAS THERE FORE RELATIVELY HARMLESS. FRG REP (GEHREND) AGREED. GROUP COMPROMISED BY DELETING ALMOST ALL REFERENCES TO "COMMON GROUND" BUT LEAVING IN "COMMON POINTS".

23. FRG REP URGED DELETION OF A SECTION REFERRING TO "NUCLEAR THRESHOLD", SAYING THAT IT WAS UNWISE TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF POSSIBILITY OF PROLONGED CONVENTIONAL CONFLICT IMPLIED BY USE OF SUCH WORD. THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO AGREED NATO STRATEGY. GROUP AGREED.

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GROUP ALSO AGREED TO FRG REP'S AMENDMENT TO A PASSAGE WHICH
SINGLED OUT BUNDESWEHR IN QUESTION-ANSWER DRAFT.

24. GROUP SET NEXT MEETING FOR APRIL 8 AFTER THE INFORMAL
SESSION OF THAT DATE. HUMES

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